

Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration; Sarah Hall Ingram, Commissioner of the Tax Exempt/Government Entities Division, Internal Revenue Service; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT

On Monday, November 14, 2011, *Conferees* agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 2112, making consolidated appropriations for the Departments of Agriculture, Commerce, Justice, Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012.

BELARUS

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe. Commission concluded a hearing to examine Belarus, focusing on the ongoing crackdown and forces for change, including the extent and impact of the crackdown on the lives of its victims and on the larger society, and what more can be done by the United States and European partners to promote democratic change in Belarus, after receiving testimony from Rodger Potocki, National Endowment for Democracy, and Susan Corke, Freedom House, both of Washington, DC; and Ales Mikhalevich, Minsk, Belarus.

SECTARIAN VIOLENCE AND DEMOCRATIC TRANSITION IN EGYPT

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe. Commission concluded a hearing to examine the Arab Spring and Coptic Winter, focusing on sectarian violence and democratic transition in Egypt, after receiving testimony from Michael H. Posner, Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights and Labor; and Dina Guirguis, Egyptian American Rule of Law Association, Samuel Tadros, Hudson Institute Center for Religious Freedom, and Michele Dunne, Atlantic Council Rafik Hariri Center for the Middle East, all of Washington, DC.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2011

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance and Investment, to hold hearings to examine a progress report on manage-

ment and structural reforms at the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), 9:30 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on the Budget: to hold hearings to examine improving regulatory performance, focusing on lessons from the United Kingdom, 2:30 p.m., SD-608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard, to hold hearings to examine the need for continued innovation in forecasting and prediction, 10:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine contractors, 9 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Kathryn Keneally, of New York, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, and Brian C. Wimes, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern and Western Districts of Missouri, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

House

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces, hearing on United States Marine Corps Acquisition and Modernization, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education, hearing entitled "Education Research: Identifying Effective Programs to Support Students and Teachers." 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, markup of the following: H.R. 3309, the "Federal Communications Commission Process Reform Act of 2011"; and H.R. 3310, the "Federal Communications Commission Consolidated Reporting Act of 2011." 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit; and the Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises, joint hearing on H.R. 1697, the "Communities First Act." 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Insurance, Housing and Community Opportunity, hearing entitled "Insurance Oversight and Legislative Proposals." 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Righting the Enduring Wrongs of the Holocaust: Insurance Accountability and Rail Justice." 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 3261, the "Stop Online Piracy Act." 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Full Committee, hearing entitled "The Future of U.S. Oil and Natural Gas Development on Federal Lands and Waters." 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Pay for Performance: Should Fannie and Freddie Executives Be Receiving Millions in Bonuses?" 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and Procurement Reform, hearing entitled "On the Frontlines in the Acquisition

Workforce's Battle Against Taxpayer Waste." 1:30 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, Full Committee, markup of H.R. 10, the "Regulations from the Executive in Need of Scrutiny (REINS) Act of 2011." Hearing on the conference report to H.R. 2112, the "Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2012" 2 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing

entitled "Hydraulic Fracturing of Shale Beds: Ensuring Regulatory Approaches that Will Help Protect Jobs and Domestic Energy Production." 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: to hold hearings to examine manufacturing in the United States of America, focusing on paving the road to job creation, 2 p.m., SH-216.